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EMBASSY AS OF 1800 JUNE 21

SUMMARY:

1. REPORTED CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS INCREASED SLIGHTLY TO 78 AS REPORTED IN RVNAF BRIEFINGS ON JUNE 21. MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS AGAIN MOST EVIDENT IN KONRUM PROVINCE, MR 2, AND CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE, MR 4. NOTABLE COMBAT WAS ALSO REPORTED IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, MR 1, HAU NGHIA PROVINCE, MR 3, AND DINH TUONG PROVINCE, MR 4. IN VINH BINH PROVINCE, MR 4, A COMMAND- DETONATED MINE ON JUNE 20 KILLED THE WIFE OF THE VINH BINH PROVINCE CHIEF, THE WIFE OF ONE OF THE PROVINCE' S DISTRICT CHIEFS AND FOUR CHILDREN RIDING IN THE JEEP WITH THEM.
2. NEW PROPAGANDA INITIATIVES BY VC CADRE HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN PLEIKU (THEME; TEMPTING REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR NATIVE AREAS) AND KIEN PHONG (THEM; RUMORING THAT THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONCEDES THE WHOLE PROVINCE TO THE COMMUNISTS).
3. THE CHIEF OF THE GVN DEL TO THE TPJMC, LTG PHAM QUOC THUAN, CONFIRMED TO EMBOFFS THAT THE TPJMC SESSION ON JUNE 18 MADE LITTLE PROGRESS ON SUBSTANTIVE POINTS. HE ALSO INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GVN DEL HAD PROVIDED A MAP TO THE PRG DEL TO BE USED IN SELECTING A NEW SITE FOR THE TPJMC IN DOWNTOWN SAIGON. THE PRG DEL SAID IT WOULD STUDY THE PROPOSAL.

PART I - TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION (TPJMC)

1. LTG PHAM QUOC THUAN, CHIEF OF THE GVN DEL TO THE TPJMC IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS ON JUNE 21 INDICATED THAT VIRTUALLY NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE FIRST POST- JOINT COMMUNIQUE TPJMC SESSION HELD IN SAIGON ON JUNE 18. DURING THE SESSION, THE GVN HAD PROPOSED THAT THE CEASEFIRE GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY WITH ALL TROOPS REMAINING IN POSITION AND THAT THE TPJMC IMMEDIATELY FORM TEAMS TO GO OUT TO INSPECT CONDITIONS. THE PRG DEL REFUSED TO CONSIDER THIS. THE GVN DEL ALSO TOLD THE PRG DEL THAT THEY WOULD ACCEPT THE ELEVEN POINTS ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES PROVIDED THE PRG AGREED IMMEDIATELY TO DEPLOY TO THE SITES AS DESIGNATED IN THE JANUARY 27 AGREEMENT. THEN, THE GVN DEL SAID, THEY COULD INSPECT THE FACILITIES FOR ADEQUACY AND ALSO DISCUSS A FURTHER RE- DEPLOYMENT TO NEW SITES AS SET FORTH IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. THE PRG DEL
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REFUSED, SAYING THAT THEY WOULD FIRST HAVE TO DETERMINE THE NEW SITES AND DEPLOY ONLY TO THOSE.

2. LTG THUAN ALSO INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT THE GVN DEL HAD OFFERED TO ALLOW THE TPJMC TO CHANGE ITS LOCATION FROM TAN SON NHUT AIRBASE TO DOWNTOWN SAIGON. HE SAID THEY GAVE A MAP TO THE PRG DEL TO BE USED IN SELECTING A NEW SITE WHICH THE GVN WOULD THEN RENOVATE. PRG DEL DID NOT RESPOND, BUT SAID THEY WULD STUDY THE PROPOSAL. (SEPTTEL).

PART II - VC/ HANOI PROPAGANDA

1. LEBERATION RADIO ON JUNE 20 REPORTED THAT THE VIET CONG

TPJMC DELEGATION RECEIVED MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN ICCS CONTINGENT JUNE 19 TO PROTEST THE CANADIANS' " UNILATERALLY RELEASING AN INACCURATE REPORT" ACCUSING THE COMMUNISTS OF FIRING ON TWO ICCS HELICOPTERS IN THE SAIGON- AN LOC CORRIDOR. SPEAKING FOR THE VC, DEPUTY DEL HEAD COL. NGUYEN VAN SI AVERRED THAT AN INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE WAKE OF THE CANADIAN ALLEGATIONS AND THAT THE VIET CONG HIGH- COMMAND HAD CONCLUDED THAT NO COMMUNIST UNIT HAD FIRED AT THE HELICOPTERS.

2. HANOI RADIO TOLD ITS VIETNAMESE LISTENERS ON JUNE 20 THAT SAIGON'S ALLEGATIONS REGARDING THE PENETRATION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE AIR SPACE BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE MIG-19 CONSTITUTED A " COMPLETELY FABRICATED REPORT."

PART III - CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

THE COUNT OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS SINCE JANUARY 27 IN THE OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS HAS NOW CLIMBED TO 17,349 AS OF 1200 HOURS JUNE 20. COMMUNIST LOSSES STAND AT 24,265 KILLED AND 220 CAPTURED WHILE THE RVNAF HAS LOST 6,237 KIA, 29,860 WIA AND 1,782 MIA. CIVILIAN CASUALTIES ARE 1,067 KILLED, 2,868 WOUNDED AND 1,262 KIDNAPPED.

PART IV - MR 1

1. REPORTED COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS INCREASED TO 13, CONSISTING OF THREE GROUND ATTACKS, EIGHT ABFS AND TWO HARRASSMENTS. FOUR E ZAGEMENTS WERE REPORTED. IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE A COMPANY OF AN RF BN WAS ATTACKED NORTHEAST OF NUI DA TINH; RESULTS: FRIENDLY CONFIDENTIAL

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FOUR KIA, THREE WIA; AND ENEMY TEN KIA.

2. REPORTS FROM PROVINCE POLOFFS CONTINUE TO INDICATE MUTED PUBLIC REACTIONS TO JOINT COMMUNIQUE. POLOFF QUANG TIN LIKENED REACTION THERE TO THAT OF AUDIENCE WATCHING TELEVISION RERUN OF LAST YEAR ' S CINEMA EXTRAVAGANZE: PEOPLE HAVE THE FEELING THEY' VE SEEN IT ALL BEFORE. POLOFF HUE ALSO REPORTS LITTLE EVIDENCE OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN NEW COMMUNIQUE . ICCS DELEGATES IN HUE WERE ALSO UNIMPRESSED BY COMMUNIQUE AND ITS PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVING PEACEKEEPING SITUATION. COL. MCLEOD, SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER WITH CANDEL AT ICCS REGION I, EXPRESSED OPINION, SEEMINGLY SHARED BY OTHER ICCS TEAM MEMBERS, THAT TPJMC IS ONLY MECHANISM THAT CAN BRING ABOUT REAL CEASEFIRE.

3. POLOFF HUE REPORTS THAT A NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER FROM THE HUE TV STATION WAS DISPATCHED ON ORDER OF PRESIDENTIAL AIDE HOANG DUC NHA TO FILM AREA AROUND QUANG TRI CITY. THE PHOTOGRAPHER TOLD POLOFF THAT HIS MISSION WAS OCCASIONED BY RUMORS CIRCULATING IN SAIGON THAT AS A RESULT OF HAK- THO TALKS, THE GVN HAD CEDED QUANG TRI CITY AND AREAS OF THE COAST AS FAR SOUTH AS SA HUYNH TO THE COMMUNISTS. THE FILMS ARE TO BE SHOWN ON SAIGON TV TO LAY THOSE RUMORS TO REST.

4. ARMED FORCES DAY WAS CELEBRATED IN HUE WITH PARACHUTE JUMPING INTO THE PERFUME RIVER AND THE FINALS OF A VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT. DEPUTY CG, MR 1, LT. GEN. LAM QUANG THI AND THE CG OF THE AIRBORNE DIVISION, BRIG. GEN. LUONG STARTED THE FESTIVITIES BY JUMPING FROM A CHOPPER AT 3,000 FEET AND LANDING IN " GENERAL VICINITY" OF THE TARGET.

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PART V - MR 2

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR 2, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KONTUM, GENERALLY REMAINS AT A SLIGHTLY LOWER LEVEL THAN THE PRE- CEASEFIRE II NORM. EXCEPT FOR KONTUM, A TOTAL OF ONLY EIGHT MINOR INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED THIS PERIOD, INCLUDING FOUR ABF, TWO GROUND ATTACKS, ONE MINING, AND ONE SUCCESSFUL ARVN TARGETING OF VC SUSPECTS. CASUALTIES OTHER THAN IN KONTUM: VC/ NVA: THREE KIA AND TWO VC SUSPECTS CAPTURED; RVNAF: THREE KIA AND TWO WIA.

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2. INTENSE MILITARY ACTIVITY CONTINUED NEAR KONTUM CITY,

PARTICULARLY TO THE WEST AROUND TRUNG NGHIA VILLAGE BUT INCLUDING SEVERAL ENGAGEMENTS TO THE SOUTHWEST IN POLEI KLOK AREA AND TO THE NORTHWEST NEAR DAC ROCOT VILLAGE. ELEVEN ABF WERE REPORTED FOR KONTUM ALONG WITH ONE GROUND ATTACK AND ONE FIREFIGHT BETWEEN VC/ NVA AND RF COMPANY. ENEMY ABF EMPLOYED VARIETY OF ORDNANCE RANGING FROM SMALL ARMS AND B-40 ROCKETS TO 122 MM ROCKETS AND 130 AND 155 MM ARTILLERY. CASUALTY AGGREGATES IN KONTUM FIGHTING: VC/ NVA; NINE KIA, ONE CAPTURED; RVNAF : THREE KIA, 16 WIA. POLOFF REPORTS THAT THREE REGULAR ARVN UNITS, NOW BEARING ALMOST THE ENTIRE BURDEN OF THE ATTACK, HAVE ADVANCED TO THE NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST FRINGES OF TRUNG NGHIA VILLAGE, BUT ARE EETING WITH HEAVY ENEMY RESISTANCE. HEAVY CASUALTIES ARE DUE TO CONTINUOUS FIGHTING RATHER THAN TO OCCASIONAL ENGAGEMENTS OR INCIDENTS.

3 . POLOFF KONTUM REPORTS CONTINUING APPROACHES TO ARVN BY OTHER SIDE, APPARENTLY IN AN EFFORT TO DISCUSS THE CEASEFIRE AND POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATION, BUT GVN AUTHORITIES CONTINUE REBUFF THESE APPROACHES.

4. ARRO REP PLEIKU HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THREE NEW RESETTLEMENT SITES IN THANH AN DISTRICT WILL BE TARGETS OF CONCENTRATED COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA DESIGNED TO PERSUADE PEOPLE TO RETURN TO OLD AREAS RATHER THAN BE RESETTLED. EFFORT APPARENTLY BEGAN LAST WEEK WHEN A GROUP OF REFUGEES WERE DETAINED BY COMMUNISTS AND GIVEN A TWO-HOUR LECTURE WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CUT WOOD FOR BUILDING NEW HOUSES.

5. ACCORDING TO POLOFF, ICCS BAN ME THUOT WAS ASKED ORALLY TO "OBSERVE" MORTARING INCIDENT JUNE 14. REQUEST WENT TO POLISH CHAIRMAN WHO UNILATERALLY REJECTED REQUEST. CANADIANS AND INDONESIANS ANGRY AT POLE FOR FAILURE TO CONSULT ENTIRE TEAM, AND ALTHOUGH WRITTEN REQUEST CAME THREE DAYS LATER, NOW NO INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE UNTIL FORMAL REQUEST COMES FROM PLEIKU, PROBABLY NOT UNTIL END OF JUNE. CANADIAN MAJOR ARNOLD HAS TOLD GVN TPJMT TO MAKE SURE REQUESTS TO "OBSERVE" COME DIRECTLY TO CANADIANS NOT JUST ICCS CHAIRMAN.

PART VI - MR 3

1. THE 24 HOURS ENDING 0800 JUNE 21 WAS AGAIN RELATIVELY QUIET,
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WITH MR 3 G-2 REPORTING ONLY 12 INCIDENTS -- SIX GROUND CONTACTS, THREE ABFS, TWO MININGS/ BOOBY TRAPS, AND ONE ABDUCTION. RVN LOSSES WERE FOUR KILLED (INCLUDING ONE CIVILIAN), TEN WOUNDED (ONE CIVILIAN) AND TWO SOLDIERS ABDUCTED. KNOWN COMMUNIST LOSSES WERE TWO KIA. FIVE OF THE INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE IN TRANG BANG DISTRICT, HAU NGHIA PROVINCE, AND AN RF COMPANY DESTROYED 23 COMMUNIST BUNKERS ONLY

TWO KM NE OF THE DISTRICT SEAT. IN NEIGHBORING HIEU THIEN DISTRICT OF TAY NINH PROVINCE, THERE WERE TWO INCIDENTS, INCLUDING A LARGE ABF FOLLOWED BY PLATOON- SIZED GROUND ATTACK WHICH CAUSED NO CASUALTIES.

2. UPDATE ON POST- REAL- CEASEFIRE MILITARY ACTIVITY IN PHUOC TUY, WHERE PROVINCE CHIEF LAUNCHED " LAND- GRAB" TO IMPROVE SECURITY OF POPULATED AREAS, HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY CONSUL IN BARIA. AS OF AFTERNOON JUNE 20 PROVINCE TOC HAD ALLEGED 15 COMMUNIST ABFS TOTALLING 82 ROUNDS, AND FIFTEEN GROUND CONTACTS. FIVE RVNAF HAVE BEEN WOUNDED AND FOUR COMMUNISTS KILLED.

3. ALTHOUGH MOST AREAS OF PHUOC TUY HAVE BEEN QUIET SINCE NOON JUNE 15, PROVINCE CHIEF, LTC HUYNH BUU SON TOLD CONSUL AND ARRO JUNE 18 THAT HIS TROOPS WERE STILL IN CONTACT WITH COMMUNIST FORCES IN LONG PHUOC VILLAGE, LONG LE DISTRICT. SINCE NOON JUNE 15 THERE HAD BEEN ABOUT THREE INCIDENTS PER DAY IN LONG PHUOC AREA. LTC SON SAID HE HAD PULLED BACK ABOUT ONE KM IN LONG PHUOC TOWARD LONG LE DISTRICT COMPOUND, BUT TWO OPPOSING VC LOCAL FORCE COMPANIES HAD NOT PULLED BACK CORRESPONDINGLY TOWARD NORTHEAST QUADRANT OF THE VILLAGE, AND THERE WAS CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS FIRE. HE SAID TWO COMMUNIST MAIN FORCE BATTALIONS ARE IN RESERVE ABOUT 4 KM NE OF LONG PHUOC, AND THERE IS RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE THAT COMMUNISTS ARE DIGGING INTO AREAS OF LONG PHUOC THEY OCCUPY.

4. SON'S DILEMMA IS THAT HE MUST EITHER FALL BACK TO DISTRICT CAPITAL AND ABANDON A RICH AND STRATEGIC AREA TO COMMUNISTS, OR STAY UN POSITION AND RISK LARGE- SCALE FIGHTING. ALLOWING COMMUNISTS TO DIG INTO LONG PHUOC WOULD SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE SECURITY IN HOA LONG VILLAGE, PARTS OF LONG DIEN AND DAT DO DISTRICTS, AND ALONG INTERPROVINCIAL ROUTE 2. ACCORDING TO LTC SON, MR 3 DEPUTY CG BG DAO DUY AN VISITED JUNE 16 AND WAS ABLE TO SUGGEST ONLY THAT HE HOLD PRESENT POSITIONS AND USE ARTILLERY AS DEFENSIVE RETURN FIRE, WHILE THE QUESTION IS RESOLVED IN SAIGON BY THE JGS OR THE TPJMC.

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5. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF A JUNE 13 MEMORANDUM FROM CG LTG MINH TO HAU NGHIA PROVINCE CHIEF LTC THANH REGARDING PSDF DESERTIONS. MINH STATES, " MR 3 UNDERSTANDS THAT 60 PER CENT OF THE PSDF MEMBERS AT DUC HOA DISTRICT HAVE RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNISTS OR A PRO- COMMUNIST TENDENCY. SINCE THE CEASEFIRE, SEVERAL PSDF MEMBERS HAVE DEFECTED TO THE COMMUNISTS. IN MARCH 1973 THERE WERE 10 SUCH INCIDENTS AT HOA KHANH AND TAN PHU THUONG VILLAGES. EVADING THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS REPORTED THESE CASES AS ABDUCTIONS. THERE ARE SEVERAL SIMILAR CASES AT OTHER DISTRICTS IN HAU NGHIA." MINH ORDERED THANH TO INVESTIGATE AND PUNISH THE AUTHORITIES WHO COVERED UP, PUSH SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR PSDF MEMBERS, DISCHARGE AND DENOUNCE PRO- COMMUNISTS AND OTHER BAD ELEMENTS IN THE PSDF, AND KEEP THE MR 3 HQ INFORMED OF ACTIONS TAKEN.

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PART VII - MR 4

1. REPORTED JUNE 20 MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS JUNE 19 BUT CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES WERE DOWN. JUNE 20 MILITARY STATISTICS WERE 34 VC- INITIATED INCIDENTS INCLUDING 20 ABF (TEN IN CHUONG THIEN) AND TWO GROUND ATTACKS, ONE EACH IN CHUONG THIEN AND DINH TUONG. THE GVN SAYS IT INITIATED NINE OPERATIONS. LOSSES WERE GVN 15 KIA, 107 WIA, 13 MIA, AND VC 20 KIA, ONE CAPTURED AND 45 SUSPECTS DETAINED.
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2. THE VC AMBUSHED A RIVER RESUPPLY CONVOY 10-12 KMS SOUTHWEST OF VI THANH IN CHUONG THIEN JUNE 20, SINKING ONE BOAT AND KILLING FOUR SOLDIERS. ARVN RESPONDED WITH AN AIRSTRIKE AND REPORTED KILLING 15 VC.

3. A COMMAND- DETONATED MINE IN VINH BINH KILLED PROVINCE CHIEF COL NGUYEN HAU KIEM' S WIFE JUNE 20. THE CHAU THANH DISTRICT CHIEF' S WIFE AND FOUR UNIDENTIFIED CHILDREN RIDING IN THE JEEP WITH MRS. KIEM ALSO DIED. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE VC SPECIFICALLY TARGETED THE OFFICIALS' FAMILIES BUT THE VINH BINH USAID REP REPORTS THAT THE TWO WOMEN OPENLY DISCUSSED MAKING THE FATAL TRIP IN THE HEARING OF MANY PEOPLE AT THE JUNE 19 PROVINCIAL ARMED FORCES DAY CEREMONY.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT 15 TH ARVN REGT COMMANDER COL HUYNH BA CAN HAS BEEN NAMED TO SUCCEED CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE CHIEF LTC TRAN THIEN KHANG. CAN HAS A GOOD REPUTATION AND HIS ASSIGNMENT PROBABLY REFLECTS THE HIGH LEVEL OF CONCERN FOR THE SECURITY OF THE PROVINCE. THE POST IS USUALLY AN EXILE ASSIGNMENT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN FROM GRACE.

5. VC PROPAGANDA IN KIEN PHONG PROVINCE HAS REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO SHOW THAT THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED CONCESSIONS FAVORABLE TO THE VC. VC ARE SPREADING A RUMOR THAT THE GVN WILL BE FORCED TO CONCEDE KIEN PHONG PROVINCE TO THE VC. AREA RESIDENTS WERE REPORTEDLY ANXIOUS ABOUT THE TALE WHICH SAID THAT THE GVN AND VC HAD AGREED ON A MAP SHOWING THE VC IN FULL MILITARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE PROVINCE AND ITS POPULATION.

THE VC OVERRAN FOR OUTPOSTS IN HAI YEN (CAI NUOC) DISTRICT, AN XUYEN PROVINCE THE WEEK OF JUNE 11-17. WE HAVE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE DISTRICT CHIEF IS UNDER INVESTIGATION. NOW TWO USAID LOCAL EMPLOYEES, WHO TRAVELLED O HAI YEN JUNE 9-11 HAVE REPORTED THAT A COMBINATION OF CORRUPTION AND INCREASED VC ACTIVITY HAVE CAUSED SECURITY TO DETERIORATE. THEY SAID THE GVN HAS LOST CONTROL OF THREE HAMLETS SINCE JANUARY 28 AND THAT TWO THOUSAND RURAL RESIDENTS HAVE FLED TO THE DISTRICT CAPITAL BECAUSE OF INCREASED VC ACTIVITY.

7. WHILE THE VC ARE BECOMING MORE ACTIVE IN THE DISTRICT, GVN
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OFFICIALS ARE REPORTEDLY NEGLECTING THEIR DUTIES AND INDULGING IN INCREASED CORRUPTION. MEANWHILE PROPAGANDA, CHIEU HOI, AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES SUFFER FROM NEGLECT. THE USAID EMPLOYEES FOUND THAT CIVILIANS, EVEN THOSE WOUNDED IN VC ATTACKS, FREQUENTLY GO TO THE VC FOR TREATMENT BECAUSE GVN HEALTH SERVICES AT THE DISTRICT ARE PRACTICALLY NON- EXISTENT. THEY REPORTED THAT THE ARRIVAL OF 21 ST ARVN DIVISION FORCES JUNE 9, HOWEVER, CALMED THE DISTRICT POPULACE, WHICH WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY NERVOUS ABOUT UNIMPEDED VC ACCESS TO POPULATED AREAS.

8. AN ICCS REGION VII SOURCE DISCLOSED THAT THE POLISH AMBASSADOR RECENTLY TOLD AMBASSADOR GAUVIN THAT POLAND WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT OF THE ICCS. HE SAID HIS COUNTRY' S PARTICIPATION ON THE COMMISSION IS " HARMING ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHERS." SOME REGION VII POLISH ICCS MEMBERS HAVE ALSO COMMENTED TO THEIR ICCS COLLEAGUES THAT

POLISH ICCS PARTICIPATION IS NOT IN POLAND' S OWN BEST INTEREST.
SOME HAVE EVEN SUGGESTED THAT A TWO PARTY ICCS WOULD DO JUST AS
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